

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

Claims 1-8 (canceled).

9. (currently amended) An insulation-displacement terminal fitting, comprising: a base wall, first and second opposed parallel side walls projecting perpendicularly from opposite sides of the base wall and defining a wire-receiving space between the side walls, first and second opposed V-shaped insulation-displacement portions projecting respectively from the first and second side walls into the wire-receiving space, each of the V-shaped insulation-displacement portions having front and rear planar plates that meet unitarily at a projecting end of the respective V-shaped insulation displacement portion so that a V-shaped cutting edge faces up on each V-shaped insulation displacement portion, first and second locks projecting respectively from the first and second side walls into the wire-receiving space in positions spaced from the insulation-displacement portions, each of said lock being completely planar to define a single plane aligned normal to the side walls and the base wall, said first and second locks having opposite planar surfaces and being formed respectively with first and second edges extending between the opposite planar surfaces of the respective locks, the first and second edges defining distal ends of the respective first and second locks furthest from the respective first and second side walls, projecting ends of the insulation-displacement portions being configured for cutting a resin coating on a wire inserted into the wire receiving space so that a core of the wire contacts the projecting ends of the insulation-displacement portions, and the edges of the locks being disposed to bite into the resin coating so that the planar surfaces of each of said locks are aligned normal to a longitudinal direction of the wire and engage cut-open surfaces of the resin coating for

resisting a pull out force on the wire in directions along the longitudinal direction of the wire and normal to the planar surfaces of the locks.

Claims 10 and 11 (canceled).

12. (previously presented) An insulation-displacement terminal fitting according to claim 9, wherein the locks project by a sufficient distance for contacting the core.

13. (previously presented) An insulation-displacement terminal fitting according to claim 12, wherein the locks and the insulation-displacement portions project substantially equal distances from the respective side walls.

14. (previously presented) An insulation-displacement terminal fitting according to claim 9, comprising a front end defining an engaging portion for engaging a mating terminal, the insulation displacement-terminal portions being rearward of the engaging portion, the locks being rearward of the insulation-displacement portions.

15. (new) An insulation-displacement terminal fitting according to claim 14, further comprising a crimping portion on a side of the locks opposite the V-shape insulation-displacement portions, the crimping portion being configured for crimped or folded connection with a wire.